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MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional
☐ continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of
pending prior Application No. 09/367,105 filed on November 10,
1999, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by
reference,
by

John Kevin Collins, Gerald Christopher O'Sullivan, Gerardine Mary
Thornton, and Marian Mary Geraldine O'Sullivan

for

PROBIOTIC STRAINS FROM LATOBACILLUS SALIVARIUS AND ANTIMICROBIAL
AGENTS OBTAINED THEREFROM

1. ☒ Enclosed is an application consisting of specification,
claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if
applicable).
2. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
BASIC FEE			\$750.00	\$375.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	16-20 =	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2-3 =	0	x 84 = \$0.00	x 42 = \$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$280.00	+ \$140.00
TOTAL			\$0.00	\$515.00

3. ☒ A check in the amount of \$515.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
4. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:
- a. ☐ --This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/367,105, filed on November 10, 1999, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and this application claims priority of Application No. filed in on under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--
- b. ☐ --This application is a divisional of co-pending Application No. 09/367,105, filed on November 10, 1999, and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Application No. 09/367,105 is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/IE98/00010 filed on February 11, 1998, under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference. This application also claims priority of International Application No. PCT/IE97/00007 filed on February 11, 1997, under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--

6. ☒ Enclosed is/are ten (10) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
- 7a. ☒ A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/367,105 on November 10, 1999.
- 7b. ☒ The current application qualifies for small entity status.
8. ☒ The prior application is assigned to Enterprise Ireland and Univeristy College Cork - National University of Ireland, Cork.
9. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 10a. ☐ Priority of Application No(s) _____ filed in _____ on _____ is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on _____.
- 10b. ☒ Priority of International Appln. PCT/IE98/00010 filed on February 11, 1998 under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and International Application No. Application No. PCT/IE97/00007 on February 11, 1997 under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.
11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
12. ☒ Address all future communications to:

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13. ☐ An extension of time for _____ () month(s) until _____ has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/367,105 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.

14. ☒ Also enclosed herewith is the following:

- Sequence Listing
- Receipts from Deposit of Microorganism Under the Budapest Treaty (2)

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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